

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That is why I am saying it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This bill does have a lot of people whose names are attached to it who don't even understand what the bill will do and the time is needed so that you won't be embarrassed on the floor by questions being asked. For example, when you adopt a statute of repose of a very short period of time in which a person can bring an action in Nebraska, you are protecting manufacturers outside Nebraska. Most of the products that are manufactured that people in Nebraska buy come from outside of Nebraska. So what you are saying is that the manufacturer outside of Nebraska need only worry about a suit by a Nebraska citizen for the eight year statute of repose in Nebraska. On the other hand, the over 90% of....

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, this is to show the need for the delay.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: I know but you really are debating the merits of the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am not debating the merits because nobody brought up an issue so there can't be any debate, just this one point. The products that Nebraskans will manufacture will be sent outside the state and people outside the state will be subject to the statutes of limitations in their state which is longer than eight years. So you penalize Nebraskans and benefit manufacturers outside of Nebraska. In order for some of these issues to be brought into focus even before we get on the floor,.....

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the two weeks can be well used and any of you who would want to discuss the matter as you did with the medical malpractice bill, I would be willing to do that with you. Senator DeCamp had said that there would be a point when he and I could talk about some of these things prior to the bill coming up. That opportunity has not presented itself. It is not because I have evaded him and I don't think he has evaded me, but with the types of issues that have been before us so far in the session, it is clear that some of us have had to spend considerable time in preparation and in floor discussion. I think the two week limit, the two week delay is reasonable and there is no way, based on what Senator DeCamp and others have indicated, for the bill to be stopped, but certain things should be in the record and that can only come with total preparation.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The motion then is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to the DeCamp motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record. Senator Chambers. We will just record the vote. Record the vote.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 21 nays on the Chambers amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chambers amendment fails. Senator DeCamp, back to your amendment.